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Via Electronic Filing

Ms. Marlene Dortch
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W., TW-A325
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: **EX PARTE**
ET Docket No. 95-18; IB Docket 01-185; ET Docket 00-258

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On December 18, 2002, on behalf of ICO Global Communications, Craig McCaw and Gerry Salemme met with Commissioner Jonathan Adelstein and Legal Advisor Barry Ohlson. During the meeting, ICO explained the need for ATC to ensure ubiquitous and feature-rich MSS deployment, and highlighted the critical role of MSS in delivery of broadband services, particularly in rural and unserved areas. ICO emphasized the importance of expeditious action in the MSS flexibility proceeding in order to proceed apace with ICO system financing and roll-out of its business plan.

ICO noted that rules relating to ancillary MSS terrestrial services should not operate to dictate a specific technology for all licenses, nor freeze MSS licensees' ability to enhance the technology of their mobile end user terminals over the life of their licenses. Rather, the Commission should rely upon market-based incentives to ensure that MSS licensees focus their services primarily on rural and underserved markets.

In accordance with section 1.1206(b) of the Commission's rules, I am submitting an electronic copy of this letter.

Very truly yours,

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